

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraph beginning on line 19 of page 5 of the specification as filed as follows.

As shown in FIG. 6, a middle component (42) of the first embodiment has a bottom side (44) that includes a spring-retention groove (46), and a side slot (48) around three sides of the sidewall (50) of the middle component. The spring-retention groove (46) enables a spring clip (~~not shown~~) (110) to be positioned therein with ends of the spring clip expanding outwardly from the groove (46) in the medial-lateral (M-L) direction to engage the holes (47) for positive locking. The top side (52) of the middle component (42), as shown in FIG. 7, has a convex or raised dome portion (54) that has a circumferential groove (56) and raised wing surfaces (58) that taper downward toward the outside edges (60).